



# Salmon-Challis National Forest Mustang Complex Update August 21, 2012 8:00 am



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**Mustang Complex  
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**Start Date:** July 30, 2012

**Cause:** Lightning

**Current Size:** 89,859 acres

**Containment:** 7%

**Location:** Main Salmon River, 28 air miles west of North Fork, Idaho.

**Jurisdiction:** USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Salmon-Challis National Forest

**Resources:** 510 personnel including 9 hand crews, 34 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters.

**Community Meeting:** is set for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 22 at the North Fork Fire Station.

**Forecast:** Red Flag Warning in effect today from noon to 10:00 pm for lightning and gusty winds. A cold front will move across the Mustang Complex bringing showers and thunderstorms which may contain lightning, brief heavy rainfall, and strong, gusty erratic winds up to 45 mph increasing the potential for fire activity. Minimum relative humidity will be higher (upper teens to mid-20s), and temperatures will be in the mid to upper 80s. Morning winds will start out south/south-west becoming westerly as the day progresses. On Wednesday, winds will continue from the west bringing drier air with gusts between 15 and 20 mph.

**Remarks:** The Mustang Fire was fairly quiet yesterday, although it continued to spread. Today, spotting could occur up to ½ mile, and fire behavior could increase especially in the drainage. The fire continues to back into the Salmon River drainage and move east toward Spring Creek and north toward Montana. The Lost Packer Fire continues to spread east of Corn Creek and west of Spindle Creek along the Salmon River drainage. The Mustang Fire is also expected to continue to spread along Oreana Ridge toward the Gattin Ranch and eastward along the Salmon River toward Indianola and Dutchler Mountain.

**Homeowner Preparedness:** For suggestions on how to prepare around your home for wildfires visit the Ready, Set, Go website at [www.wildlandfirersg.org](http://www.wildlandfirersg.org) and the Firewise website at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

**Salmon River Access:** The Salmon River remains open to rafting and jet boat recreationists. All recreationists are required to stop at the North Fork Ranger Station before proceeding down river. The Salmon River road remains open to local residents and river recreationists; however, all launches for the main stem of the Salmon River are from the Cove Creek Boat Launch. The public is discouraged from using the road due to heavy use associated with fire suppression and rolling debris. Area closures are in effect to protect the public from hazards associated with the fires. For information on the area closures, visit <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/closures/3100/>.

The Spring Creek Road (#038) is closed from the Salmon River Road (#030) to State Line Road (#044). State Line Road (#044) is closed to Horse Creek Road (#065). Horse Creek Road (#065) is closed from Spring Creek Road (#038) to the Gattin Ranch. Horse Creek Campground is closed.

**Air Quality:** Smoke is resulting in poor air qualities in many of the areas. For more information on smoke, visit <http://airquality.deq.idaho.gov/>

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